

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 7, 1879.

Mr. MATTHEWS, from the Select Committee to investigate and report the best means of preventing the introduction and spread of Epidemic Diseases, reported the following joint resolution; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Continuing the committees of the Senate and House of Representatives on the subject of epidemic diseases, and authorizing them to sit in vacation, and creating a commission of eminent scientists to investigate in the port of Havana, and report to Congress, the nature, origin, and cause of yellow fever.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Senate and House committees appointed to investi-
4 gate and report upon the best means to prevent the introduc-
5 tion and spread of epidemic diseases into the United States
6 are hereby continued, with power to sit in vacation, and retain
7 the services of three experts, and one clerk, who shall be a
8 stenographer, for the purpose of completing the investigation
9 in reference to the introduction and spread of epidemic dis-
10 eases in the United States; one of said experts shall be learned
11 in medical science, one a microscopist, and one a sanitary

12 engineer, and all eminent for their scientific attainments, who
13 shall visit the port of Havana, and there investigate the
14 nature and history of yellow fever, and the conditions attend-
15 ing its origin and spread at that place and vicinity ; and they
16 shall visit such other ports and places, and make such further
17 investigations and examinations, as may be directed by the
18 concurrence of said committees of Congress. And they shall
19 receive for such service the sum of ten dollars per day and
20 actual necessary traveling expenses.

1 SEC. 2. That the President of the United States be, and
2 hereby is, requested to invite the concurrence and co-opera-
3 tion of the Spanish Government in the examination and exper-
4 iments to be made by this commission in furtherance of
5 international commerce and the sanitary interest of mankind ;
6 and the said committee shall make their report to the next
7 session of Congress, recommending such additional legislation
8 as they may deem necessary for the protection of the public
9 health, and especially the prevention of the introduction and
10 spread of epidemic diseases.

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